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SCHEME FOR WELFARE OF FOREST TRIBALS
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of schemes and programmes being implemented for the welfare of tribes and other classes living in the forests, State-wise; and

(b) the steps taken by the Government for rehabilitation and upliftment of families living in the forests?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT & FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

(a) The Government of India is involving communities living in forests including tribals in the country in the management, conservation and protection of forests through Joint Forest Management Programmes with benefit sharing mechanism. In addition, Ministry of Tribal Affairs is also implementing following major welfare and developmental schemes and programmes for Scheduled Tribes:
1. Grant-in-Aid to NGOs for Scheduled Tribes including Coaching and Allied and award for exemplary service.
2. Vocational Training in Tribal Areas.
3. Educational Complex in Low Literacy Pockets.
4. Grant-in-Aid to State Tribal Development Cooperative Corporations for Minor Forest Produce.
5. Development of Primitive Tribal Groups.
6. Rajiv Gandhi National Fellowship for Scheduled Tribe Students.
7. Scheme of Post Matric Scholarship, Book Bank and Upgradation of Merit of Scheduled Tribe Students.
8. Girls Hostel and Boys Hostel for Scheduled Tribes.
9. Ashram School in Tribal Sub Plan Areas.
10. Research Information & Mass Education, Tribal Festival and others.
11. Special Central Assistance to Tribal Sub Plan (SCA to TSP)
12. Grant-in-Aid under Article 275 (1) of the Constitution.

(b) The Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 has been enacted to provide occupational and habitational rights to the Scheduled Tribes and other Traditional Forest Dweller Communities for the purpose of enhancing their livelihood.